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## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Report from the Superintendent of the Hongkong Fire Brigade, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 9th October, 1869.

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VICTORIA, HONGKONG, 8th October, 1869.

SIR,—I have the honor to forward the usual Monthly Report of the Fire Brigade for the information of His Excellency The GOVERNOR.

The first inspection was held on the 21st September. The whole strength of the Government Brigade, the Chinese Volunteers, the Hand Engines of the "Royal" and "Imperial" Insurance, also three Chinese owned Hand Engines were present, assembling at the Cross Roads at 4½ P.M., and thence proceeding to Taipingshan district.

The "No. 1" Government Steam Engine was stationed at the Praya near the Harbor Master's Office, and conveyed two streams of Sea Water to the Queen's Road, where "No. 2" Government Steam Engine, and the Hand Engine of the "Imperial," were stationed. The Supply of Sea Water was found sufficient for both Engines, the delivery Hose was taken up East Street Taipingshan. The Steam Engines gave entire satisfaction and were brought into work half-an-hour from the time of departure from "Cross Roads."

The "Government," the "Royal," and the Chinese owned Hand Engines were stationed at the Hollywood Road, and worked from the "Fire Plugs;" they were all in good order.

The second inspection was held on the 6th October.

The "No. 1" Steam Engine was taken to the "Praya," and conveyed two streams of Sea Water to the Cross Roads where the "No. 2" Steam Engine was stationed, both Steam Engines worked satisfactorily. The "Hand" Engine of the "Imperial" and the Chinese owned Engines together with the Government "Hand" Engines were at the Cross Roads, were worked and found in good order.

Mr. BARBER, R.N., Engineer, was present at both Inspections and reported that the Steam Engines were in good order.

The Implements and Hose at the Subsidiary Fire Stations have been examined during the month and found correct and in good order.

The Fire Engine at Government House, together with the "Hose" and "Implements" attached to it, were also examined, some trifling repairs made, and placed in proper order.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

C. MAY,  
*Superintendent Fire Brigade.*

The Honorable J. GARDINER AUSTIN,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

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## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Regulations for Street-Chairs and Chair-Coolies are published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 2nd October, 1869.

No Street Chairs may *ply for hire* after midnight; they may, however, carry their fares as long as required.

Each Chair is secured for a sum of \$50. Should articles of a higher value than this be lost in any Chair, there will be very little hope of their recovery through the Security.

When loss of property in any Street Chair is suspected, its number should be forwarded to the Registrar General *at once* without any loss of time.

When ground of complaint arises against any Street Chair-Coolie, the Person aggrieved may either hand the offender over to the Police, or send a Memorandum of the complaint and the Chair's Number to the Registrar General. It must however be remembered, that the Registrar General can inflict only a reprimand, but neither fine nor imprisonment *without the testimony of an eye witness on oath*. This however may be supplied by any Chinese who witnessed the Offence, if accredited by a confirmatory note from his employer.

Persons who are inconvenienced by the congregating of Chairs near their premises should notify the Registrar General, who will, if practicable, establish a "Chair Stand" in the nearest convenient place, and as far as possible enforce the Ordinance in regard to it.

An attempt will be made to enforce the ordinary "Rule of the Road," along Queen's Road, more especially in the evening. It is requested that all Persons riding in Chairs or driving Vehicles will co-operate with the Police by observing the Rule of keeping the left side.

Each Street Chair carries on the back of its Number Board, a Tariff of Fares, condensed from the following:—